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1997 DX CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENTS....

- The **6th Annual New Orleans International DX Convention** will be held August 22-23rd. The Convention is held at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in the French Quarter - rated one of the top ten in the U.S. by Conde Nast Travel magazine. There is a special NO International DX Convention rate; to get it, you should call for reservations and ask for it using the local number (504) 586-0300. The program will be finalized/published in the next few weeks. Early registration is reported to be: Registration and Banquet $60 or Guest tickets for the banquet only $40 (Registration at the door will be $66 and $44 respectively). For early registrations contact Michael Mayer, W5ZPA, 5836 Marcia Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70124, fax: (504) 524-2129
- The **Lynx DX Group Convention** will be held May 1-4th, in Oporto, Portugal, with guest speakers EA8AK, ON5NT (VK0IR) and DF6FK (T31BB). Contact Antonio, CT1BH, or Tony, EA5BY, (agaliana@alc.es) for more information.
- **NW DX Convention** by the BCDXC & Fraser Valley DXC will take place July 25-27th, at the Richmond Inn (7551 Westminster Highway, Richmond, B.C., Canada V6X 1A3 - Phone: (604) 273-7878, Fax (604) 278-0188). For more information please contact:
    - Allan/VE7SZ via E-Mail: abucksho@direct.ca
    - Ken/VE7BXG at PO Box 3048, Blaine, Wa, USA 98231

9X, RWANDA. By the time you read this, Mark, ON4WW, should be back in **Kigali**. He hopes to obtain permission to operate on new frequencies (40/80 instead of 20/160m) or even a full license. Mark was active as **9X4WW** last time.

A7, Qatar. The "BARTG News" reports Jean, J28JJ, is now active on RTTY from the QARS club station as **A71A**. He usually can be found on Saturday. QSL via QARS Radio Club, GM 222122, Doha, Qatar.

BIOSPHERE 2 OPERATION. On April 20th, Amateur Radio Operators from the Tucson area will host a **special event station** at the **Biosphere 2 Center** in **Oracle, AZ**. This event will kick off Earth Week Activities at the Biosphere. The activities will include a science fair for school age children along with no admission charges on April 20th, 1997. This is the first time this type of event involving amateur radio has ever been attempted at the Biosphere 2 Center. The Special Event Station will operate with the cooperation of the Southern Arizona DX Association, the Radio Society of Tucson, the Tucson Repeater Association and the Old Pueblo Radio Club. This event will be operating under the club call sign of **K7RST** from 1300z April 20th to 0000z on the 21st. The following frequencies will be used: SSB - 50130, 28405, 21238, 14238 and 7245 kHz; CW - 21138 (novice), 7117.5 (novice); and FM - 147.140 MHz. A beautiful commemorative certificate will be available. Please QSL with a 9 x 12 SASE to K0DVH (ex-KC7NCB) with signal reports and contact number on your QSL. For more information about the Biosphere 2 Center and Columbia University, (who presently manages the Center) check out the web page at http://www.bio2.edu Other questions can be directed to Dave Kalahar - KD4HXT, SADXA Chairman, at: cool-fm@theriver.com

CY9, ST. PAUL ISLAND. Mike VE9AA, states the **CY9AA** operation by K7BV, VE1PZ, and himself will now be from **June 26th to July 3rd**.

EK, ARMENIA. **EK6OCM** states to look for him to be active on 20 meters **RTTY**. QSL PSE via K6EID.

FR/J, JUAN DE NOVA. The "59(9) DXReport" states **FR5KH/J** and **FR5FT/J** are reportedly active for "50 days from March 21". QSL via F6FNU.

IOTA/USI NEWS.....

- Clay County DX Assocication of North Florida (**N4GZ**) will be active from **St. George Island** (**NA-085** and USI FL-007S) **April 24-27**. The club will be on all bands, both CW and SSB. Please QSL via bureau or direct with SASE to: CCDXA - N4GZ, 3331 Wilderness Circle, Middleburg, FL. 32068-4129.
- Tony/**WF1N** and Lou/**KA1DIG** will be on **Pot Island** (**The Thimbles, NA-136**) **April 25-27th**. Activity will be SSB on 20 and 40 meters (they will listen down on 40 for DX and up for USA). QSL via home calls (SASE, PSE), via the bureau or EQSL for U.S. Islands. This will be a new island for USI.

OOOOPPPSS DEPARTMENT. Thanks to Rolf, XV7SW, in pointing out the name for **XV7TH** in OPDX.299 was listed wrong. The name of XV7TH is **Torsten**, not Rolf.

PIRATE ALERT! Nodir, EY8MM, Vice President of the Tajik Amateur Radio League, reports a station, **EY4AA/6**, was active on 80 meters the past few weeks. He states there is no license issued for this callsign and possibly this operation is taking place from Krasnodar, Russia (UA6A).

QSL INFO AND UPDATE....

- Chuck, **K7PT**, has informed OPDX that he is now the QSL Manager for **5V7MD**. QSLs can be sent to: Chuck Degard, 919 W. Vaughn St., Tempe, Az 85283.
- Charlie, **W0YG**, states to start looking for the **V5/ZS6YG** cards in the mail. ALL

Stateside cards received to date either went into the mail April 10th or 11th. Overseas cards should have gone out during the past weekend.

SPECIAL EVENT STATION. In the middle of this month **through the 12th of October**, the club station EA2URD will be active with the special callsign **EG97CMC** to celebrate the "**1997 World Cycling Championships of Road**" in San Sebastian (October 8-12th). They will operate on all bands and modes with a special emphasis in the **CQWW WPX CW Contest** (May 24-25th). QSL direct to: EA2URD, P.O. Box 1198, 20.080 San Sebastian, Spain or via the bureau. For more information send Jose, EA2CLU, an E-mail message to: ea2clu@ctv.es. Also check the WEB page:

http://www.donsnsn.es/mundial97/

SPECIAL EVENT STATION. Celebrating the **50th Anniversary of the Coast Guard Air Station** on **Kodiak Island** (**Alaska**), look for **KL7HKX** (U.S. Coast Guard Amateur Radio Club) to be active for the entire month of April. Look for the operators to be active on 20 meters (14240-14280 kHz). A contact will get you a Special Event QSL card via the callbook address or via the bureau. For more more information contact John/NL7WA at roger@ptialaska.net

SPECIAL GET WELL SOON goes out to Bernie, **W3UR**, Editor of "The Daily DX", who was admitted to the hospital late in the evening on Wednesday, April 9th, in an emergency situation with acute appendicitis.

SPECIAL REQUEST. Dave, K7JJ, an ex-operator of HZ1AB (1954 & 1977-86), has asked OPDX for help in finding out the actual start date of the HZ1AB station. Present and former operators are attempting to determine if this is the anniversary year for the callsign. Records have been "misplaced" over the years with all the moves the station has made around Dhahran Airport. They think it was 1947 (maybe '46). They are looking for a confirmed contact in the form of an early QSL card received by anyone 50 years or more ago. They can contact Dave with details via E-mail at: k7jj@ix.netcom.com. Dave also has a WEB site at:

http://www.netcom.com/~k7jj/hz1ab.html

SV9, CRETE. Bert, PA3GIO, will be active from here **April 28-May 5th**. Operations will be on 20-10 meters SSB plus WARC bands and maybe 40/80 meters. His callsigns will be **SV9/PA3GIO/P** and **SV9/PA3GIO/M**.

T97, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA. You still have a few days to work this one. The ARABiH Headquarters states that in the honor of **Pope John Paul II's visit to Bosnia-Herzegovina**, the members of ARABiH will operate under the special callsign **T97POPE**. Activity will be on all HF bands 160-10 meters now **through April 15th**. Special QSL card can be requested via the bureau or direct to : T97POPE, P.O. Box 61, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

W1AA/IMD (**Marconi Radio Club Station**). Look for this station on **April 19th**. It represents the **Marconi Station CC** on **Cape Cod** where the "**First Two Way Transatlantic Radio Spark Transmission**" took place in 1903 between the USA and Europe. QSL via W1AA: Marconi Radio Club, R.J. Doberty, P.O. Box 1193, Lakeville, MA 02347-1193.

10TH INTERNATIONAL MARCONI DAY. This event is organized by "The Cornish Radio Amateur Club" and will take place next weekend on **April 19th**. The activities will run a full 24 hours from 0000 to 2300z and will take place on all HF bands with all modes of communication encouraged. There will be the usual number of high profile official participating groups representing former Marconi operating locations. A certificate is available for contacting these groups (seven different categories available). Here are some of the stations that will be active:

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CT1TGM - Coimbra, Portugal
EI2IMD - Crookhaven, Eire
EI3IMD - Dublin Bay
EI4JAM - Dublin
EI6YXQ - Ballybunnion
ED7IMD - Cadiz.s Spain
GB0IMD - Alum Bay I.O.W.
GX0MWT - Chelmsford
GB2GM  - Poldhu Cove
GB2MDI - Pepperbox Hill
GB2SFL - S. Foreland L'house
GB4JAM - Isle of Wight
GB4MDI - Lavernock Point
IY0GA  - Sardina Island
IY0ORP - Rocca Di Pappa, Rome
IY1TTM - Sestri Levante
IY1MR  - Rapallo, Genova
WB6TMY/IMD - Marshall, CA
PQ1MD  - Rio de Janeiro
PS1MD  - Rio de Janeiro
PU1MD  - Rio de Janeiro
PW1MD  - Rio de Janeiro
ZW1TTO - Rio de Janeiro
VE1IMD - Glace Bay, N.S.
VO1IMD - St. Johns NFD
TM0IMD - Srirling Wendel
DA0IMD - Borkum Island
EI3MFT - Letterfrack
EI4IMD - Clifden Galway
EI5IMD - Crookhaven Site
GB0MAR - Puckpool Iow
GB1IMD - Leicester
GB2MID - Sandbanks Poole
GB4IMD - Truro
GM4MD  - Old Carnarfon STN
GB4MPC - Cullercoates
GB5MD  - Flatholm/Lavernock
GB2MD  - RSGB Potters Bar
GB?MD  - Break Down Site
IY0TCI - Civitavecchia
IY4FGM - Pontechio
W1AA/IMD - Cape Cod Mass.
OE1M   - Vienna
PR1MD  - Rio de Janeiro
PT1MD  - Rio de Janeiro
PV1MD  - Rio de Janeiro
PX1MD  - Rio de Janeiro
NW2P   - Somerville, N.J.
ZW1USK - Rio de Janeiro
ZS6IMD - Johannesburg
ZW1LL  - Rio de Janeiro
VK2IMD - Wahroonga NSW
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IY4W - Casalecchio di Reno bo For more details on how to obtain awards and/or send for awards, send a request to: Sue Thomas, G0PGX, Cornish Radio Amateur Club, I.M.D. Awards Manager, P.O. Box 100, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 1RX

ZK1, NORTH COOK ISLANDS. The Date Line DX Association is in the final planning stages of an operation to North Cook scheduled for **September 20-27th**. This operation will have the same goals of its last operation, AL7EL/KH9 Wake Island, that being priority to low bands and East Coast North America and EU. North Cook is currently ranked number 85 in the recent ARRL DXCC Most Wanted 100 and is ranked in the mid 20s for Europe. Three radios will be operational with one of those radios specifically for RTTY where it is ranked number 46 overall on RTTY. Numerous sponsors are providing equipment. Current operators are N7RO, N4RF (ex-AB4AE), WA4YBV, KI6AN and K8XP (ex-AL7EL). They are solicitating for an additional operator, specifically someone who is a Medical Doctor or one with equal professional qualifications. Anyone interested can contact Tom, K8XP, at: K4TSJ@juno.com

ZV, BRAZIL. Look for **ZV3A** to be active from the **Brazilian Tramandai Lighthouse** (good for the Brazilian Lighthouse Award (DFB): RS-04) from **April 25-27th**. Operations will be on

SSB 40-20 meters (Also check the Brazil DX Net). QSL via PY3AAC: A.V.Christensen - Rua Ir. Jose Otao 170/1302, 90035-060, P.Alegre/RS/Brazil, or via the bureau.

SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE EDITOR. Please send all DX announcements/information "**ONLY**" to the addresses below and "**NOT**" to the distribution InterNet address of: dxinfo@barf80.nshore.org

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OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE):
http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/opdx.html

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